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Title: CONNECTION DETECTING APPARATUS, CONNECTION DETECTING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING PROGRAMS EXECUTING THE METHOD

of which is described and claimed in:

() the attached specification, or

(X) the specification in application Serial No. NEW, filed March 26, 2001, and with amendments through _____, or

() the specification in International Application No. _____, and as amended on (if applicable).

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Japan	2000-88801	March 28, 2000	YES
Japan	2000-57099	March 2, 2000	NO

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The above application may be more particularly identified as follows:

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